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### ACTION NEEDED IN CEMETERY MATTER

Unanimity practically exists between the Cemetery Committee and the Park Board as to the advisability of purchasing a new cemetery to the south of the city.

They have reached the conclusion that the Sherk farm,on the right hand side of the Preston road, adjoining the Township hall at Centerville, be purchased. It sts of upward of one hundred acres of suitable land, having a natural drainage.

One idea is to purchase the whole farm and to retain, let us say, 50 acres and resoll the other part, including the buildings. Another is to expropriate the quantity of land deemed necessary

The owner of the farm asks \$200 per acre. This price would, under the second course, be determined by arbitration, were the owner and the city to fail to agree on the price to be paid. The Record favors expropriating

whatever part of the farm is required. ' The matter of splecting a new cemetery site has pre-sented difficulties. There are numerous sites in and about the city which might be utilised for the purpose. But the majority are open to objections. Some are suitable but would be difficult to reach. Others do not neadily give themselves to drainage. Still others are not large enough for a growing center's need for fifty

one hundred years. It will be perceived that the most acceptable site It will be perceived that the most acceptable site should be large enough for a prospective city of 50,000; that it be easily reached by electric-railway cars and vehicles; that it be easily drained and can be made into a park-cemetery. The Sherk site possesses all of these

a park-content, include the prospective sites; to consider qualifications. To examine all of the prospective sites; to consider their strong and weak points; to eliminate undesirable lands and to reach an agreement on one, has naturally taken a deal of time-many months. Therefore it is, desirable that the present council should decide on a content of the present council should decide on a and purchase it. Otherwise the possibility will arise that a new council may have to repeat the tedious process

The council of 1918 tackled the question. Thus re than a year has been taken to decide on new cemetery While it is not a matter that should be hurried, yet the force of circumstances unge to have the matter closed. All but a half dosen lots in Mount Hope Cemetery have been sold.

This places the city too near the edge for safety. It is growing at the rate of several thousand per year. It might suffer another epidemic. In which event it would be in a plight to provide the necessary accommoda-

The Record understands that the matter is being ntly delayed by the possibility of Waterloo joining us in the purchase of cemetery lands. The idea is com-mendable. Were it to do so, it would be but another reason why the site at Centerville should be purchased. The required amount of land for a joint cemetery is there available and it is believed would meet with Waterloo's oval.

It would be an act of courtesy to invite Waterloo to investigate the propertion. A week or two would suffice for them to decide whether they approved of the site and the details of the proposal. The city is in a position where it cannot long delay

### COMMISSION GOVERNMENT INOUIRY

One of the matters on which the Hearst government has been remiss is its having failed to make an inquiry into the merits of Commission government for cities and towns.

For a decade, forward-looking municipalities have been discussing this subject, believing that the time had ar-rived when all large centers should be able to adopt a more economical and less cumbersome form of city ernment than the existing one. In 1913 our Board of Trade passed a resolution sug-

gesting to the government that it appoint a commission to investigate the question of Commission government and report its findings. In the same year the London Board passed a resolution petitioning the provincial govent to place on the statutes an act making it permissible for urban municipalities to introd

In February of 1914, the Ontario Associated Boards.

petitioned to make a close study of Commission form of city government and if found good, to enable municipali-tics, after it had received i endorsation of their electors, to adopt it.

It has failed to make a move in this matter and London, for instance, despairing of having the government investigate, tried to get si wial legislation. But Mr. Hearst would neither investig, to nor permit any city to

Hearst would neither investig on his perint any city to try the new and better method. Perchance he would have a **tod** in this matter long ago had Mr. Rowell, Mr. Proudfoot or the Laborites placed it in their programs of needed reforms.

BY THE WAY

At Guelph, Rev. C. H. Buckland is the Hearst candi-date. One of the statements he is reported making, when accepting the nomination, was that he "would de ote his efforts, if elected, to securing a new Collegiate Insti-tute and Normal School for Guelph." Is this bid for support not as immoral as offering money for votes?

### Extracts of Exchange

A New Source of Power Flint Journal:-In an address at Birmingham, Eng-land, recently, Sir Oliver Lodge predicted that some method of unlocking and controlling atomic energy was possible. If found, it will place in the hands of man a force so powerful that he hoped before it be-comes available the race will have reached a moral plane high enough to us it. Otherwise it may spell the devastation of eivilization. On the other hand, bene-ficiently used it will furnish power to displace every

other fuel and force we are now using. Close on the heels of Sir Oliver's address the American Chemical society announces the conferring of the William Gibbs medal upon Prof. William A. Noyes of the department of chemistry of the University of Illinits for his investigations concerning the relations of atoms and electrons. The foremost scientists of the day are engaged in the search. Anyday the discovery may be announced. This is the theory of practical men of science whose opinion is carefully weighed. What is sought now is, broadly speaking, to do with the atom what Watts, the inventor of the steam engine, did with the molecule, what fire does to coal, what heat does to water. Watts found steam power by scattering the molecules of water by heat. The atoms into which olecules are in turn divisible are, science tells us, to be similarly disturbed and the energy that holds them together employed as the energy that holds water in It is curious that just before the war H.G. Wells, the scientist turned novelist, described in his story, The World Set Free', the effects of the discovery of a

method of releasing and using atomic energy. The discovery of a force so powerful, controlled as

Sir Oliver hopes in the interest of peace and not of war, might solve all our problems in these days of slackening porduction and insudtrial riddles-If we are ever able to put the atoms to work all we will have to do will be to sit back and watch them

Recently there were celebrations of the centennial of the inventor of the steam engine. Is the world a hundred years later on the verge if the discovery ofa new source of power even more revolutionary?

WAIT A MINUTE

### "IN THE DAY'S NEWS"

The Rev. R. Bruce Taylor, who is to be formally in-stalled today as Principal of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., has long held a prominent place in church and educational circles in the Dominion. He is a native of Cardross, Scotland, and studied in English and Scotch universities, getting his A.M. from Glasgow. Entering the ministry of the Free Church of Scotland after studying at its theological school or college, he was sent abroad on a scholarship that took him to Germany and to the Holy Land. His ministry began at St. John's, Wood, London. Since 1911 he has been a resident of Montreal. Dr. Taylor is a writer as well

1902-President Roosevelt appointed a co to investigate and settle questions involved in the great anthracite coal strike.

1903-Dr. John Alexander Dowie and 3,500 of his ollowers invaded New York City.

1906—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the President of the Confederacy, died in New York City. Born at Natchez, Miss., May' 7, 1826.

### THE NEWS RECORD

## Letters to NewsRecord

City.

MR. ASMUSSEN'S RECORD. o The Editor:—There is an old ing that people who live in glass

At Mr. Snider's meeting on Wedness ay last, Mr. E. W. Clement foolishl ent foolishly i lact, Mr. E. W. Clement foolishly eva a few rocks at Mr. Asmussen, ich might better have ben fired at men who were slitting around him the platform. He said that if he ked back ten years he could not I that Nick Asmussen had been a y active Liberarchen. Well, let us k back just two years and where Mr. Clement, Mr. Snider, and the

very active Liberal shear. Well, let us, look back just two years and where was Mr. Clement, Mr. Snider, and the rest of them? Were they battling for Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Liberalism in 1917? Pretty nearly every manjack of them was working for Borden. Well, Nick Asmussen had his coat off, working night and day for the Laur-ier candidate. As an old Liberal. I want to say that the Liberalism of Asmussen suits me a lot better than that of the group who brought out Mr. Snider. He stood the best; they did not. They may talk all they like about having followed their conscienc-es in 1917, but they were tige toughest kind of consciences that handed over the old N. Waterloo Reform Associa-tion to Weichel and Borden, without calling a convention. Shades of Lib-eralism and fair play. The old Exe-cutive has never even tried to defend that unfair and un-Liberal action. It sinply can't be defended. As a Lib-eral, Tm for Asmussen because he stood true when the real fight was on. As a workingman. I'm for him be-cause he is a real workingman. And he ought to get the votes of thousands of Conservatives who are sick of the hypocritical and autocratic Hearst government. To Liberals let me say, if you want

and alternate from the say, if you want to get rid of hearst, vote for Asmus-sen. Every vote for Snider is also a vote for Mile. Although Mr. Clement is a lawyer.

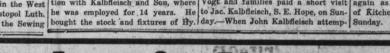
Although, Mr. Clement is a lawyer, his reasoning was not very good. He found fault with Mr. Asmussen be-cause he has not always been active in Liberal politics, then he praises Mr. Snider because he has no political part at all,-great argument. Mr. Snider may be all right. But be has been fooled by the group that has brought him out after Mr. Asmus-sen was mominated. That group is not opposed to Asmussen on account of his Liberalism. It is for a differ-ent reason entirely. It is because he fought the same crowd in the munici-pal election of 1916 and beat them. It is because he is a plain, straightfor-ward man and ought to be for any real Liberal and workingman. OLD TIME LIBEREAT.

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AN ANSWER TO MR. SHINPLAS-

AN ANSWER TO. MR. SHINPLAS-TER. To The Editor:--Kindly allow me a little space in your valuable paper to give to the working men and women in the whole riding of Waterloo the honest true facts about who the true labor candidate is. Mr. George Haehnel, machinist at the Dominon Tire Industry, is the Labor candidate and no one else. Mr. Nick Asmussen is a Dewart man from tip to toes and that gentleman is the Liberal leader in the house at To-ronto. Let no man or woman over 21 make a mistake by casting a vote for any camaflouge labor man, they have lone that long enough. Labor unit-d can send the true labor man down with victory on Monday next. Yours truly, MES MARP THICKER

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of Trade, at a meeting held in Toronto, supplemented the foregoing requests for a thorough inquiry and report on the subject. The legislature's main purpose is to make laws

The legislature's main purpose is to make law, looking to the wellbeing and progress of the municipal-ties. The progress of these outweigh in importance that of the government itself. This point is illumined by the facts that the total assessments of the munici-patities of Ontario were, in 1917, \$2,027,561,869 and their tax bills \$38,134,017. Together the taxation for muni-cipal purposes was in that year about three times as much as that expended by the province. Those who contend that municipalities should have the option of adopting commission government do so on the ground that a sound business system is needed in the conduct of municipal affairs, and that the best is none too good where such large sums are annually expended.

Further, while admitting that much good work has been ne under the volunteer service system prevailing in micipal affairs, this has been due to the zeal of the en elected rather than to the antiquated and cumber-

men elected rather than to the antiquated and cumber-some system in vogue. They come and go with the new year. New men are elected and when fairly acquainted with the duties of their position, may fail to be reelected. There is little continuity or men and plans. Commissions have been placed at the head of public milities, and proved their worth. Many have served for five, ten or fifteen years. If a commission is good to manage a light plant would it not be as valuable in conducting the whole of the city's business? In the management of large private enterprises, it

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standard of revolt against the Madero government in Mexico and took ion of Vera Cruz.

1914-Germans occupied Ostend, famous Belgian seaport town.

seaport town. 1915—Great Britain delcared war in Bulgaria. 1916—Entente Powers recognized provisional govern-ment set up by former Greek Premier Venezelos. 1917—British under Field Marshal Haig continued a vig prous offensive in Flanders.

### ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR

British crossed the Lys, between Armer Menin

Allied forces repulsed Bolshevik attacks on banks of the Dvina.

British cavalry occupied Tripoli, 50 miles north of Beirut.

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Frederick H. Gillett, Speaker of the National House of Representatives, born at Westfield, Mass., 68 years ago today.

Earl of Cavan, who commanded the British forces operating in Italy in the late war, born 54/years ago today.

Rt. Rev. James D. Morrison, Episcopal bishop of Duluth, born at Waddington, N.Y., 75 years ago today.

### Smile or Two

### Wrecks and Wrecks

Hot weather and the absence of the needful is not conducive to the best of spirits, and Mr. Oldboy was certainly feeling a little grumpy. Trying to find relief for his wrathful temper he began on a train official.

on a train official. "You have a beastly lot of wreeks on this line, don't you?" he said. "What do you mean'?? ""What I say. Ugly accidents and the like." "Oh, no, sir". the official drawled out. "To tell you the truth, sir, you're the first wreek I've seen on this .line for twenty vers?" this line for twenty years!"



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